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1. During [REDACTED] Mne. Lukanov, Bulgarian Deputy Finance Minister, informed certain members of the Bulgarian Legation in [REDACTED] the Bulgarian Government is attempting to diminish internal tension by reducing the speed of the program for socialization of the country. Bulgaria was described as far ahead of schedule as compared to other satellites; Hungary is said to have reached only now the degree of socialization achieved by Bulgaria one and one-half years ago. Although pressure on the population will be decreased, the purge of the Bulgarian Communist Party, to eliminate opportunists and untrustworthy Communists will be continued.

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2. A Bulgarian diplomat [REDACTED] has indicated that he foresees an improvement of the Bulgarian economic situation if the Schuman Plan is adopted, since that plan can succeed only if large sales of iron and steel are made; for this reason, the procurement of iron and steel products by Balkan countries would be facilitated.

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